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Powers Quits CIA, Goes Into Hiding

By the Associated Press

Francis Gary Powers, the U-2 pilot who was a Russian captive for 21 months, no longer works for the Central Intelligence Agency.

A CIA spokesman said last night that Mr. Powers resigned effective October 6. "He had finished his work with us," the spokesman said.

Mr. Powers' U-2 reconnaissance plane crashed while flying over Russia on May 1, 1960. He parachuted to safety, was captured and convicted of spying. He was freed last February 10 in an exchange for Rudolf Abel, a Russian spy imprisoned in the United States.

When Mr. Powers returned, the CIA said he had lived up to his \$2,500-a-month contract and would be retained for an undetermined period.

Neither the CIA spokesman nor Mr. Powers' father, Oliver Powers, would give any information on Mr. Powers' whereabouts or plans.

Oliver Powers said in Pound, Va., last night, "I can't give you any information on that. I know he's quit. But he wants to stay out of sight, he doesn't want to be bothered."